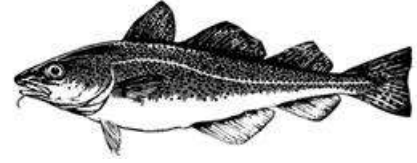


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**OPENING OF THE KODIAK AREA STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD
SEASON FOR JIG GEAR
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State waters of the Kodiak Management Area (KMA) will open to Pacific cod fishing for vessels using jig gear at 12:01 p.m. on October 12, 2012 following closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod federal/parallel B season for pot gear.

Approximately 335,000 pounds of the KMA Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) are available for harvest during the state-waters season. The state-waters Pacific cod season will remain open until the GHL is reached or December 31, 2012, whichever occurs first.

An Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) exclusive vessel registration for the KMA is required prior to targeting Pacific cod during the state-waters season. Registrations can be obtained by contacting the ADF&G office in Kodiak. A vessel may not use more than 5 mechanical jig machines.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.